

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

April 18, 2011

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:00 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pullen with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Absent ó none.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. There was no public comment from the floor; thus, public comment was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 14, 2011; the Regular Board of Commissionerø minutes of March 21, 2011; the Special Board of Commissionerø minutes of March 24, 2011; and the Special Board of Commissionerø minutes of April 6, 2011. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

The PUBLIC HEARING was opened for the grant application to MSHDA for CDBG funds to gather public comments on this application and to receive public comments on the previous grant-funded housing rehabilitation program. Joe Priante, the Housing Director for the Alger Marquette Community Action Board, was present for the public hearing. He gave a brief presentation about the program. The grant proposal is for \$150,000. He said they have five applications for the grant, but that they can not approve any of them until the grant is approved. There were no questions from the public; thus the public hearing session was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to adopt the 2011 Resolution for Submission of 2011 MSHDA Housing Application as follows:

*ALGER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS*

*Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
Munising, MI 49862*

**RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION OF
2011 MSHDA HOUSING APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners is interested in continuing to provide funds to low and moderate income homeowners to upgrade their homes; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for rehabilitating existing housing stock;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorizes the submission of an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority in the amount of \$150,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds for continuation of the county-wide housing rehabilitation program;

AND FURTHER RESOLVES, the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board (AMCAB) to serve as the third party program administrator. This determination is made because AMCAB has administered the Alger County Housing grants for many years with no unresolved findings by the county board, MSHDA personnel or auditors and AMCAB is knowledgeable of the 24 CFR Part 84 financial management standards and OMB A-133 audit requirements for agencies administering federal funds;

AND FURTHER RESOLVES, to adopt the community development plan as contained in the grant application;

AND FURTHER RESOLVES, to authorize its chairperson to sign the application and other documents as required.

Mary Ann Froberg, County Clerk

April 18, 2011

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Brad Heikkila was next on the agenda. He asked the board to be able to bill for his services in the same month. Commissioner Pullen said that she does not like or feel comfortable paying for someone working ahead of time. It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve Brad to be paid in the current month. The month of April will consist of the March and April pay. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to adopt the following Equalization Report:

Michigan Department of Treasury 510
608 (Rev. 3-02)

Assessed Valuations - REAL

L-4024

Alger County

Statement of acreage and valuation in the year 2011 made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Township or City	Real Property Assessed Valuations Approved by Boards of Review							Total Real Property
	(Col. 1) Agricultural	(Col. 2) Commercial	(Col. 3) Industrial	(Col. 4) Residential	(Col. 5) Timber-Cutover	(Col. 6) Developmental	(Col. 7)	
Au Train	157,600	3,967,500	352,400	83,176,101	0	0	87,853,601	
Burt	0	3,496,750	0	62,564,299	0	0	66,061,549	
Grand Island	0	1,429,600	0	3,853,300	0	0	5,282,900	
Limestone	515,000	111,600	0	23,617,700	0	0	24,244,300	
Mathias	3,750,100	905,000	0	24,167,700	0	0	28,522,800	
Munising	0	8,388,200	6,062,300	67,214,200	0	0	81,654,700	
Onota	0	1,532,600	0	55,520,668	0	0	57,023,568	
Rock River	2,679,300	1,417,400	22,900	37,984,900	0	0	42,104,500	
Munising	0	16,801,000	3,982,600	41,392,100	0	0	61,695,100	
Total for County	7,192,000	37,719,650	10,046,900	390,421,288	0	0	454,292,538	

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALGER COUNTY

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true statement of the number of acres of land, the value of the real property and of the personal property, the aggregate valuation of the real property and personal property, the equalized and assessed valuations of real property classifications in each township and city in said county as equalized by the Board of Commissioners in April of the reporting year, at a meeting of said board held in pursuant to the provisions of sections 209.1 - 209.8, MCL. I further certify that said statement does not embrace any property taxed under P.A. 77 of 1951, P.A. 66 of 1963, P.A. 199 of 1974, P.A. 385 of 1994, P.A. 224 of 1995, P.A. 147 of 1992 or Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State.

Dated _____, 20__

Equalization Director

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

Chairperson of Board of Commissioners

Michigan Department of Treasury 510
608 (Rev. 3-02)

Equalized Valuations - REAL

L-4024

Alger County

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Burt	0	3,496,750	0	62,564,299	0	0	66,061,549	
Grand Island	0	1,429,600	0	3,853,300	0	0	5,282,900	
Limestone	515,000	111,600	0	23,617,700	0	0	24,244,300	
Mathias	3,750,100	905,000	0	24,167,700	0	0	28,522,800	
Munising	0	8,388,200	6,062,300	67,214,200	0	0	81,654,700	
Onota	0	1,532,600	0	55,520,668	0	0	57,023,568	
Rock River	2,679,300	1,417,400	22,900	37,984,900	0	0	42,104,500	
Munising	0	16,801,000	3,982,600	41,392,100	0	0	61,695,100	
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Michigan Department of Treasury 510
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Personal and Real Property - TOTALS

L-4024

Alger County

Statement of acreage and valuation in the year 2011 made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Township or City	Number of Acres Assessed		Total Real Property Valuations		Personal Property Valuations		Total Real Plus Personal Property	
	(Col. 1) Acres	(Col. 2) Hundredths	(Col. 3) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 4) Equalized Valuations	(Col. 5) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 6) Equalized Valuations	(Col. 7) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 8) Equalized Valuations
Au Train	93,944.00		87,853,601	87,853,601	1,975,400	1,975,400	89,829,001	89,829,001
Burt	147,845.00		66,061,549	66,061,549	807,100	807,100	66,868,649	66,868,649
Grand Island	14,336.00		5,282,900	5,282,900	251,300	251,300	5,534,200	5,534,200
Limestone	47,744.00		24,244,300	24,244,300	469,800	469,800	24,714,100	24,714,100
Mathias	45,445.00		28,522,800	28,522,800	579,800	579,800	29,102,600	29,102,600
Munising	129,664.00		81,654,700	81,654,700	5,729,700	5,729,700	87,384,400	87,384,400
Onota	66,220.00		57,023,568	57,023,568	356,285	356,285	57,379,853	57,379,853
Rock River	51,778.00		42,104,500	42,104,500	1,567,100	1,567,100	43,671,600	43,671,600
Munising	3,338.85		61,695,100	61,695,100	11,867,300	11,867,300	73,562,400	73,562,400
Totals for County	597,372.85		454,292,538	454,292,538	23,716,825	23,716,825	478,009,363	478,009,363

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Dated _____, 20__

Equalization Director

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to rescind a motion made at the February 2, 2011 Special Board of Commissioner's meeting to change the life insurance to Assurant through City Insurance in Marquette as recommended by the insurance committee for a two-year plan under Option 2. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 6 Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays 0 none. Absent 0 none.

On a motion by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve Option 3 of the life insurance to Assurant through City Insurance in Marquette as recommended by the insurance committee for the next two-years for 14 active sheriff's union employees and Stacey Masters. Should the cost of the life insurance increase it is noted that this will then be negotiated. See the following:

April 6, 2011

Alger County Board of Commissioners

It has been brought to our attention that our life insurance carrier may change. As you may be aware of there are 15 county employees at the current policy of \$25,000.00. The insurance committee has inquired the cost difference for a \$50,000.00 policy for these 15 county employees. The difference is quoted below. A substantial cost savings to the county is also quoted below. These county employees are requesting the Alger County Board of Commissioners to consider increasing the life insurance policy on these 15 county employees to \$50,000.00, which would still result in a saving of \$11,413.20 over the next 2 years.

Current Plan: The Standard - \$1,618.00 monthly = \$38,832.00 for 2 years

Benefit levels: Class 1 - \$50,000
Class 2 - \$25,000
Class 3 - \$50,000

Option 1 - Assurant Benefits - \$1,097.30 monthly = \$26,335.20 for 2 years

With a savings of \$12,496.80 for 2 years (no changes to employees benefit levels)

Benefit levels: Class 1 - \$50,000.00
Class 2 - \$25,000.00
Class 3 - \$50,000.00

Option 2 - Assurant Benefits - \$1,194.15 = \$28,659.60 for 2 years

With a savings of \$10,172.40 for 2 years (option that was approved but no class 3)

Benefit levels: Class 1 - \$50,000.00
Class 2 - \$15,000.00

Option 3 - Assurant Benefits - \$1,142.45 = \$27,418.80 for 2 years

With a savings of \$11,413.20 for 2 years (option with 15 employees increasing benefit levels)

Benefit levels: Class 1 - \$50,000.00
Class 2 - \$25,000.00
Class 3 - \$15,000.00

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 6 Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays 0 none. Absent 0 none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to authorize the retirement payout to Rebecca Wilder of up to \$19,414.31 depending on any days she does not work. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 6 Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays 0 none. Absent 0 none. 90% on the monies are to come from the jail budget and 10% of the monies are to come from the 911 budget. The \$157.55 of the ambulance stipend is to come from the ambulance fund. There was discussion on replacing Becky's full-time position.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize Commissioner Doucette and Commissioner Mattson to attend the UPACC Spring Conference scheduled for May 6-7, 2011 at the Bay Mills Resort in Brimley, Mi. Monies are to come from the commissioner's budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 6 Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays 0 none. Absent 0 none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to reappoint Rita Hale to the Jury Board with her term expiring April 30, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 6 Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays 0 none. Absent 0 none.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to authorize the clerk to transfer the following for the 2010 budget:

Transfer the following amounts for the 2010 budgets:

*\$241.82 from the Computers budget into the Prosecuting Attorney’s budget

*\$758.18 from the Animal Shelter’s budget into the Prosecuting Attorney’s budget

\$240.94 from the Jury Commission budget into the Building and Grounds budget

\$348.93 from the Treasurer’s budget into the Building and Grounds budget

\$175.13 from the Airport budget into the Building and Grounds budget

\$265.00 from the Fair Board’s budget into the Sheriff’s Dept. budget

\$.30 from the Service Contract’s budget into the Motor Pool’s budget

\$200.00 from the Contagious Diseases budget into the Jail budget

\$65.00 from the Friend of the Court budget into the Jail budget

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There were no miscellaneous items.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve Resolution #2011-02 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2011-02

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN 2011 CLASS D COACH OF THE YEAR

CARY CHARTIER

WHEREAS, he has shown exemplary leadership on and off the court as a youth and high school basket ball coach for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to sports and dedication to the local community have inspired community pride; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will focus attention on his commitment to obtaining excellence as a high school basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution also recognizes the commitment of Beth Chartier in supporting her husband and the Superior Central Team.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners commend and salute **CARY CHARTIER**, State of Michigan 2011 Class D Coach of the Year.

Dated: April 18, 2011

Alger County Board of Commissioners:

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairperson

Jerry Doucette, Commissioner

Esley M. Mattson, Vice-Chairman

Joseph VanLandschoot, Commissioner

Mickey G. Rondeau, Commissioner

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve Resolution #2011-03 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2011-03

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 2011 BOYS CLASS D MHSAA SEMI-FINALIST TEAM

SUPERIOR CENTRAL COUGARS

WHEREAS, they show hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship both on and off the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, they inspire community pride through their commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, they are the 2011 Central Upper Peninsula Conference, District 125, and Upper Peninsula Class D Regional Champions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners commend and salute the **SUPERIOR CENTRAL COUGARS**, 2011 Boys Class D MHSAA Semi-Finalist Team.

Dated: April 18, 2011

Alger County Board of Commissioners:

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairperson

Jerry Doucette, Commissioner

Esley M. Mattson, Vice-Chairman

Joseph VanLandschoot, Commissioner

Mickey G. Rondeau, Commissioner

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve Resolution #2011-04 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2011-04

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN 2011 CLASS D CO-PLAYER OF THE YEAR

JORDAN CHARTIER

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated excellence in education, achieving a 3.94 GPA in his high school academic career and will be honored as the salutatorian of the class of 2011; and

WHEREAS, he has proven to be an exemplary role model and mentor for elementary and secondary students at Superior Central; and

WHEREAS, he has achieved the status of 2011 League MVP, 2010 and 2011 All Defensive Team, 2010 and 2011 All U.P. First Team, as well as the 2011 BCAM All Star Award.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners commend and salute **JORDAN CHARTIER**, State of Michigan 2011 Class D Co-Player of the Year.

Dated: April 18, 2011

Alger County Board of Commissioners:

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairperson

Jerry Doucette, Commissioner

Esley M. Mattson, Vice-Chairman

Joseph VanLandschoot, Commissioner

Mickey G. Rondeau, Commissioner

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Doucette discussed that he and Commissioner Mattson are going to meet with the three counties and also discuss the EMD position at the UPACC Conference. He talked about a discussion he had with the Warden.

New correspondence was read and will be placed in the file. Commissioner Rondeau discussed a letter he received regarding Joe Cilc.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette wanted everyone to have a joyous Easter.

Public comment session was open. There was no public comment; thus, the public comment session was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk